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CASE: CT2755 US - NP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

YONG-JIN WU, ET AL

APPLICATION NO: 10/719,184

FILED: 11/21/2003

FOR: 3-(PYRIDINYL-PIPERAZIN-1-YL)-PHENYLETHYL AMIDES AS POTASSIUM CHANNEL OPENERS

ART UNIT: 1626

EXAMINER: SACKY, EBENEZER O.

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER RULE 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

A shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 12, 2006 was due April 12, 2006. Submitted herewith is a request for an extension of time of two (2) months in which to reply. Accordingly, the extended due date for reply is June 12, 2006.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.